

PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following are signs that are prohibited on private property:

- Animated and intensely lighted signs
- Fixed Balloon signs - When used as part of a grand opening, sales or civic events package, fixed balloon signs require a permit.
- Flags or Pennants - Only flags that display the emblem of a nation, state or political subdivision are permitted. Other pennants, flags or propellers are permitted only if part of a grand opening, sales or civic event banner permit.
- Miscellaneous signs, posters - The tacking, painting, pasting, or otherwise affixing of signs or posters of a misc. character, visible from a public way, on the walls of a building, barns or sheds, or on trees, poles, posts, fences or other structures, is prohibited. No signage of any type is permitted on satellite dishes or disks. Also, banners attached to any object other than a building i.e. poles, trees, shrubs, fences.
- Moving Signs - No sign or any portion thereof shall be permitted which moves or assumes any other motion constituting a non-stationary or non-fixed condition, except for the indication of the time and temperature.

A permit is required for permanent signs and temporary signs including banners, balloons, pennants, A-frame and portable signs.



For more information regarding the sign code and how to obtain a permit, contact:
Development Services Department (DSD)
837- 4998

To view the sign code, go to:
www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=11294&sid=3
Click on Chapter 3, Signs Code.

To report a violation, please call
792-CITY
(792-2489)

Signs in the Public Right of Way

DO's and DON'Ts



**Department of Neighborhood Resources
Code Enforcement Division**
320 N. Commerce Park Loop
Tucson, AZ 85726-7210
Phone: (520) 791-4605
Fax: (520) 791-2566
www.cityoftucson.org/dnr/

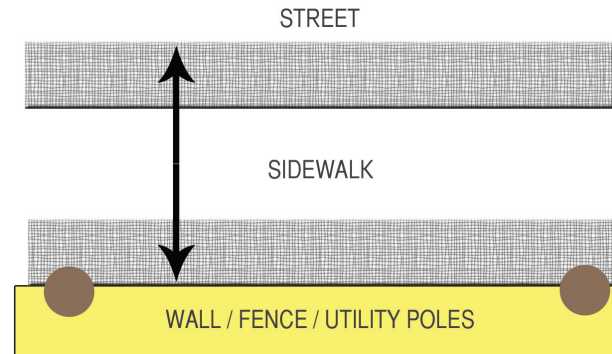


SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY

Signs are an important element in helping a customer locate a business. They promote awareness of a business name, products, hours and special features. But the proliferation of signs along commercial streets has occurred in many areas of Tucson, all competing with each other. Too many temporary signs can cause visual clutter. This in turn can cause confusion to a customer. Also, temporary signs and signs that move can be a dangerous distraction to drivers and can block a driver's view.

The City of Tucson code prohibits any signs to be placed on the public right-of-way. The code also is very restrictive regarding signs on private property.

The public right-of-way is the land that is owned by the City of Tucson. It is illegal to place any sign on this land. Tucson is not unique. Most municipalities restrict any placement of signs on the public right-of-way. The public right-of-way is the land from the curb of a street up to and typically beyond the other side of the sidewalk up to a property line designator such as a wall, fence or utility pole. It is also all the land on the medians and boulevards between the roadways.



A typical example of the public right-of-way

KNOW THE CODE

The code that governs this requirement is Chapter 3 of the Tucson Code, sec. 3-55 Signs in Public areas: No sign shall be permitted which is placed on any curb, sidewalk, post, pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, or other surface located on public property or over or across any street or public thoroughfare.

The Tucson Code prohibits the placement of any sign in these areas. The city can remove any sign placed illegally in these areas.

To find out where on a property the right-of-way is located, contact the City of Tucson Engineering Survey Section. If you give them an address, they will provide you with distance from the city street to where private property begins. It could range from 5 to 80 feet or more. To contact them call:

ENGINEERING SURVEY SECTION
791-5100

Other examples of illegal signs in the Right-of-Way



Illegal A-frame in the ROW



Illegal portable signs that move in the wind



Illegal moving signs and flag/banners